

and publicans serving drunkards or children shall be fined and imprisoned, and that debts incurred in purchasing intoxicants shall not be recoverable.

IN SYDNEY, Australia, four young men condemned to death recently for an outrageous rape upon a servant girl, were hanged. Two others were reprieved owing to extenuating circumstances.

THE New York Society for the Suppression of Vice has determined to proceed against the publishers of the trash story papers and cheap libraries for juvenile reading, on the ground that such publications have an immoral influence and should be excluded from the mails. The good effect of the society's action is already shown by the fact that without a case coming to trial as yet, some of the publishers are beginning to revise their more objectionable manuscripts.

THE ANTI-MORMON BILL, by the adoption of the Tucker substitute for Edmund's Senate bill, makes the lawful husband or wife of any person prosecuted for bigamy, polygamy or unlawful cohabitation, a competent witness against the accused, and further provides for the registration of all marriages. It annuls all the territorial laws providing for the identification of the votes of electors at any election, and also all laws conferring on territorial courts the power to determine divorce cases, and abolishes woman suffrage in the territory of Utah. Penalties are prescribed for unlawful intercourse, and polygamy is declared to be a felony. The financial corporations known as the Church of the Latter Day Saints and the Perpetual Emigration Fund Company are dissolved, and the Attorney-General is directed to wind them up by process of the courts; and all laws for the organization of the militia of the territory and creation of Nauvo's legion are annulled. Polygamists are made ineligible to vote, and a test oath is prescribed to all persons desiring to vote, that they will obey the laws of the United States, and especially laws in respect to crimes defined in this and the original Edmunds act.

THE RETALIATION BILL has passed the United States Senate. It gives the President power in certain contingencies to declare non-intercourse with the Dominion of Canada. That the United States Senate should so give way to popular pressure, as to pass so extreme a measure on so small a provocation, must be a matter of surprise to all intelligent Canadians. All that we want is, to have the treaty of 1818 fairly and honorably carried out.

WABASH, Ind., January 31st.—Mary Baker,

the White County fasting girl, last night completed the 98th day of her fast, which began in October. During that period the young lady has eaten no food or taken no nourishment of any kind. Even water is expelled from her stomach. During last week Miss Baker has grown weaker rapidly. The physicians state that she can last but a very short time.

### GOOD NEWS FROM CHINA.

It is stated by a correspondent of the London *Times* that during the past few months the Chinese authorities in various parts of the Empire have issued proclamations to the people calling on them to live at peace with Christian missionaries and converts, and explaining that the Christian religion teaches men to do right, and should therefore be respected. These documents have been published in so many parts of China, that it is probable that every Viceroy in the eighteen provinces has received instructions on the subject, and that there is a concerted movement throughout the Empire to bring all classes of the population to a knowledge of the dangers of persecuting missionaries and native Christians, and to remove popular delusions respecting the objects and teachings of Christian missionaries. The proclamation issued by the Governor of Cheh Kiang recites the imperial decree, and adds:

"In respectful furtherance, therefore, of the benevolent intentions of the state, I feel it incumbent on me to put the matter plainly. Know, therefore, all men of whatsoever sort or condition, that the sole object of establishing chapels is to exhort men to do right; those who embrace Christianity do not cease to be Chinese, and both sides should, therefore, continue to live in peace, and not let mutual jealousies be the cause of strife between them."

### MISSIONARY NEWS.

**F**ORMOSA is by no means an old mission field (twenty-two years), but it is getting ready to send missionaries to its heathen neighbors in the Pescadore Islands. The native Christians have liberally responded to the suggestion of the missionaries, and quite a sum of money has been offered. One man gave \$50, a congregation of 10 members gave \$4, another, of aborigines, gave \$8, and another \$28. One of the subscribers was a woman sixty-two years old. Though extremely poor and a widow, she brought 50 cash (about twopence) and cast it into the treasury. One of the self-supporting